

## VERMONT NEWS.

## CRUSHED BENEATH GRANITE.

Howard Abbey, the middle-aged watchman of the Jones Brothers company of Barre, was instantly killed Sunday when crushed by an eight-ton piece of granite that fell and pinned him between it and another piece of stone. He was walking through the yard at the time of the accident and just how it occurred is unknown. He was discovered between the two stones with his entire body except the head and shoulders crushed to a pulp.

## DROWNED IN JOE'S POND.

Gerald Dunn of St. Johnsbury was drowned at Joe's Pond Saturday morning when he attempted to swim ashore, a distance of 200 or 300 feet, from the boat in which he and a party were out rowing. When the occupants of the boat heard him call out they supposed he was fooling, as he had been previously, and did not turn around. When he disappeared under the surface they started back. His body was found Sunday afternoon.

## TO PRISON FOR LIFE.

Otis Williams of Topsham, convicted in Orange county court of murder in the second degree for complicity in the death of Joseph Felch April 22, has been sentenced to life imprisonment in the State prison by Judge Z. S. Stanton. The prisoner asserted his innocence and the case will probably go to the higher court on exceptions. A motion to admit Mrs. Joseph Felch, who was jointly indicted for her husband's murder, to bail, was overruled and the trial was continued to the September term of county court of Chelsea.

## INFANTILE PARALYSIS FEARED.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Blodgett of St. Johnsbury Center is critically ill of some form of spinal trouble. The physicians are unable to ascertain the exact disease, which was at first feared to be infantile paralysis. Dr. H. A. Ladd of the State board of health with St. Johnsbury physicians examined the child and said the trouble was not infantile paralysis. As a precaution the attending physician quarantined the family, awaiting further developments, but it is now thought that there is no danger of contagion.

## BARRE HOSPITAL GETS GIFT.

Ira C. Calef of Washington on Friday made over to the Barre City hospital corporation or to a special trustee the sum of \$20,000, thus duplicating his munificence of two years ago when he started the ball a rolling for a new hospital building by giving \$10,000 on condition that \$30,000 additional be raised and followed it up promptly on the fulfilling of that condition by donating \$10,000 more for an endowment fund. Therefore his contribution to this institution totals \$40,000. The gift was made on the first anniversary of the dedication of the hospital.

## SERIOUS AUTO ACCIDENT.

One woman was seriously injured and two others were badly hurt in an automobile accident at North Hero about five o'clock Saturday afternoon. The owner of the car and the chauffeur escaped without a scratch. The party was from Montpelier and was trying to pass some automobiles when the emergency brake was applied. The car went over on one side and the occupants were thrown, all of the women being injured, but the men emerging unscathed. The Montreal train was stopped at North Hero at 7:29 o'clock and the injured women were placed on board and taken to a Montreal hospital.

## TEETH FORCED INTO BACK OF MOUTH.

While playing with other children at Rutland, Vt., the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Pellegrine Bove, fell on the blade of a sharp ax when he tripped over a brick in the yard. Dr. F. H. Gedhardt was called and the child was rushed to the Rutland hospital in the physician's machine, where his injuries were dressed. The upper lip was badly cut, many stitches being required to dress the wound. The entire row of upper teeth were forced into the back of the mouth by the force of the fall. These were brought forward during the dressing and it is probable that the child's mouth may be restored to normal.

## ALBERT DOUGLASS KILLED.

Albert L. Douglass, 61 years old, road commissioner of St. Johnsbury for several years, was fatally injured about 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening, and the driver of the big motor truck in which he had a party of excursionists were returning from a trip to the mountains, lost control of the machine which dashed up an incline and turned turtle over a small embankment, pinning the eight occupants to the ground. Mr. Douglass died half an hour later as a result of the accident, his condition being so serious that he could not be moved to St. Johnsbury. Others in the car received minor injuries and bruises about the face and arms. Joseph Duclos suffered a broken collar bone and Mrs. Ernest Fountain was hurt about the chest and back.

## CAR JUMPS RAILS.

Eight or ten of the large group of railway men laying new rails on the Central Vermont railroad near Sharon were injured, none very seriously, when a motor car on which they were riding at high speed to beat a freight train, left the track, some of the men jumping and others falling over a bank or upon the rails. An ordinary handcar was being pushed along by the motor car and another motor car was close behind. All the cars were loaded to capacity. Several of the men received cuts on the head and face. Michele Vitro of Bethel and Silvestro Barra of Burlington were among the injured and they were treated at Dr. Greene's office.

## PUREBRED LIVE STOCK.

The organization of the Purebred Live Stock Sales Company of Brattleboro, Vt., and the erection of a modern and substantial sales pavilion meets the demand of the development of New England interest in the breeding of purebred live stock. According to statistics of 1915, compiled by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and released January 1, 1916, the total valuation of cattle, sheep and swine in the six New England States is \$60,972,000. There are in this section 850,000 dairy cattle, 506,000 other cattle, 456,000 swine and 351,000 sheep. Some of the foremost New England breeders of purebred live stock are identified with the sales company and their concerted efforts cannot fail to advance the interests of stock raisers and afford a safe and ready market, where sales will be conducted on a high standard to both buyer and seller. A strict supervision of the health and character of all animals passing through these sales will be a powerful factor in eliminating the diseased and undesirable.

## VERMONT HAY AND ALFALFA.

The indications are that the Vermont hay crop this year will be at least one third above the average of several years. Last year the crop in this State was estimated to be worth \$20,305,000, and the probability is that the price will not be lower than that of last year. As hay is Vermont's principal crop and the yield last year was estimated at 1,310,000 tons, it will be seen that the bumper drop will add materially to the wealth of the State. Alfalfa is now raised successfully in every county of the State, although not yet on a large scale. In 1909 the census report showed that there were 252 acres of alfalfa in Vermont. A conservative estimate indicates that there are now 1500 acres of alfalfa in the State, 1000 acres being in Addison county. This year the county agricultural agents are conducting 190 alfalfa demonstrations in the State. It is difficult to estimate the value of a general introduction of alfalfa growing in Vermont, but it would be a great boon to the farmers of this commonwealth. This year a considerable area of soy beans has been planted in the State, the area in Chittenden county having increased from five acres last year to 500 acres this year.

## HELD ON MURDER CHARGE.

As a result of the death of Mrs. George Duncan at the Rutland hospital Sunday night the charge on which her husband, who fired the fatal shot, is being held at the house of correction was changed Monday morning to murder in the first degree. An information was filed with City Judge F. G. Swinnerton, the charge being changed from assault with intent to kill upon which the man was arrested immediately following the shooting which occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dezero on Library avenue in Rutland.

Duncan was first informed of the death of his wife by his counsel, Attorney J. C. Jones, who visited the prisoner at the house of correction. It is understood that the prisoner seemed dazed upon hearing the news and requested his attorney to do all in his power to see that all proper funeral arrangements were made and no expense be spared in burial.

The body of the woman was removed from the hospital to the undertaking rooms of John B. Stearns. Drs. B. H. Stone and E. H. Buttles of the State laboratory of hygiene performed an autopsy and later the body was removed to the home of Mrs. Edward Dezero.

## LAST EXCURSION TO PLATTSBURG, N. Y.

The Rutland R. R. will run an excursion to Plattsburg, N. Y., via Burlington and steamer on Sunday, August 20, 1916, from all stations between Rutland and Shelburne inclusive. Fare \$1.50 for the round trip, children 80c. For time of special train see small advertising flyers.—Adv. 32t2.

## Does Sloan's Liniment Help Rheumatism?

Ask the man who uses it, he knows. "To think I suffered all these years when one 25 cent bottle of Sloan's Liniment cured me," writes one grateful user. If you have Rheumatism or suffer from Neuralgia, Backache, Soreness and Stiffness, don't put off getting a bottle of Sloan's. It will give you such welcome relief. It warms and soothes the sore, stiff painful places and you feel so much better. Buy it at any Drug Store, only 25 cents.—adv.

# MR. FLETCHER'S RECORD AN OPEN BOOK!

## READ IT!

Ever since Allen M. Fletcher entered public life in Vermont he has been identified with important, constructive work for the benefit of the tax payer and the common people.

No one has ever asked him where he stands on a public question or what his record is on matters of state legislation without finding an immediate answer in his public record.

When asked what constructive measures he has advocated and pushed to a successful issue, the friends of Mr. Fletcher need only point to the following:

- Measures to **equalize the burden of taxation;**
- To require **railroads and corporations to pay their fair share of state taxes;**
- To **regulate** the imposition of **demurrage charges;**
- To **reduce telephone rates** and abolish unearned charges for toll calls;
- To **establish state purchasing agent;**
- To provide **adequate school facilities** for every child in Vermont with training suitable for the occupations of his own community;
- To **give the public service commission teeth;**
- Toward **preparedness by establishing armories;** for the Vermont National Guard;
- To provide **safe and sanitary places for men and women in Vermont industrial establishments** by factory inspection;
- The **direct primary;**
- To **remove dangerous, high-tension power lines from the highways;**
- To **develop water powers;**
- The **Local Option Law;**
- To encourage **Vermont Loans at 5 per cent** or less;
- To **conserve water powers;**
- To **aid agriculture;**
- To **save our forests** and encourage reforestation;
- To **revise the State constitution.**

### THE FARMERS OF VERMONT HAVE GOOD REASON TO SUPPORT MR. FLETCHER

A farmer himself, Allen M. Fletcher has consistently stood for legislation designed to **advance the interests of agriculture** and has also led the way in forward movements to benefit the condition of the farmer.

In 1910 he was a **moving spirit of the farmers' club** of the legislature, which had a powerful effect on legislation designed to benefit the farmer;

He was **one of the first presidents of the Vermont forestry association**, the object of which is to conserve and improve our woodlands;

He advocated **State aid for rural schools**, the result of which is that in every farming community a proportion of the teachers' pay is now paid by the State;

He has consistently stood for **better roads, his plans and those of Mr. Gates haying dovetailed** during the Fletcher administration;

He stood for **better service and fair treatment** by the telephone companies of subscribers to "farmers' lines," with the result that unfair charges have been abolished and toll rates made more equitable;

He advocated additional appropriations for the commissioner of agriculture so that **Vermont farmers might secure better markets** for their produce without the extortions of middlemen;

He favored legislation that is designed to **extend rural credits** by making it possible for farmers to borrow money at 5 per cent;

In his retiring message Governor Fletcher said:

"To the policy of the state relative to agriculture: The **present appropriation for the department of agriculture is wholly insufficient for the work**, and entirely out of proportion to the appropriation for other departments of state government. It should be materially increased.

"Authority should be given the commissioner of agriculture to make and enforce such regulations as may be necessary to **protect the state from invasion of insect life and plant disease, to enforce reasonable and sanitary regulations, and to control the standard of agricultural products of the State.**

"How can the commissioner of agriculture without necessary funds establish a **bureau in Boston or New York through which our farmers without middlemen can reach their market?**

"How can the commissioner of agriculture help the farmer by bringing **immigrant labor** into the state, unless the state furnish him with the means to establish a bureau for that purpose?"

"In other words, how can he materially **advance the interests of the state**, from a business standpoint, without the necessary resources?"

### THE LABORING MEN OF VERMONT HAVE GOOD REASON TO SUPPORT MR. FLETCHER

A prominent labor leader says that **Governor Fletcher signed more legislation favorable to the interests of the workingman than had been placed on the statute books during all previous administrations.**

He advocated and signed the **factory inspection bill;**

He approved the **58-hour law**, which forbids the employment of women and minors in the state's industrial establishments for more than 58 hours during the week;

He approved the **so called trustee process law**, which prevents a poor debtor from having all his earnings garnished by exempting from trustee process \$10 of his wages;

He signed the law providing a **board of conciliation and arbitration**, which, if properly constituted and directed, would prevent strikes, lockouts and all trouble between labor and capital, thus **enabling the workman to earn a full day's pay**, every working day of the year, and enabling the employer to depend on a full day's output;

He signed the law providing for **proper ventilation and heating of factories**, under direction of the state board of health;

He favored and recommended the present law providing for an **industrial accident board**, which now permits the employer and the injured workman to settle direct and prevent lawsuits, excessive verdicts and the defeat of the ends of justice by legal technicalities;

In his retiring message, Governor Fletcher said:

"**Workmen's compensation and employers' liability:**

"The commission which the last legislature created to consider this subject will present a bill for your consideration. As a matter of state policy, I believe the principle of workmen's compensation and employers' liability should be adopted by you.

### SENATOR PAGE INTERROGATED

Is it not true that the Granges of Vermont, representing the agricultural interests and the farmers of the State, as late as in February, 1915, adopted resolutions petitioning you as their representative in the Senate of the United States to favor by your speech and by your vote the passage of the Rural Credits Bill?

Is it not true that against the recorded wishes of the people of the State you are supposed to represent, you were **ONE OF ONLY FIVE SENATORS** who voted against the passage of the Rural Credits Bill?

Is it not true that as a member of the Banking and Currency committee of the Senate you were the **ONLY MEMBER OF THAT COMMITTEE WHO VOTED AGAINST A FAVORABLE REPORT BEING MADE ON THE RURAL CREDITS BILL?**

Is it not true that the Rural Credits Bill makes it possible for the **VERMONT FARMER** to borrow money at a lower rate of interest than he can borrow of the bank of which you are the president?

Is it not true that your speech in favor of Senator Hoke Smith's Vocational Educational Bill, which has passed the Senate, but is not yet a law, **WAS MADE AT THIS TIME PURELY FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES AND IN THE INTEREST OF YOUR CAMPAIGN?**

And the credit for your effort on this bill, paid you by Senator Hoke Smith in his speech of July 31, 1916, was more a senatorial courtesy than anything else, was it not?

On May 31, 1912, the eight-hour bill, a labor measure, was up for vote in the Senate. Senator Page is on record as having voted against this measure.

Will you, Senator Page, stand before the voters of Vermont and explain why you voted against the interests of the laboring men?

## WILL SENATOR PAGE ANSWER?

Thousand of people in Vermont desire to know what Senator Page has stood for and what he has created in the way of constructive legislation during his eight years' service in Washington.

**Senator Page, what constructive measure have you proposed, stood behind and pushed to a successful issue?**



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The Allen M. Fletcher Senatorial Club.

NORTHFIELD, VT.